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TOPIC Military Information from Jueterbog

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1. On 5 October 1953, the occupation of the Fliegerhorst installation at Jueterbog had slightly increased. Intensive activity was observed in the barracks area and the terrain, and intensive firing practice was noted at the firing range. Vehicular traffic to and from the installation continued to be very heavy. Between 20 September and 5 October, about 150 troops daily received infantry combat training in the terrain, while other troops engaged in basic training and physical training, and, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., in firing with rifles at platoon level at the firing range. About 35 to 20 soldiers daily engaged in service of the piece drill on 3 x 76-mm field guns in the training area and driving was practiced with T-34/85 tanks. On 21 September, about 350 troops, organized into four columns, left the installation toward Altes Lager. On 23 September, about 700 to 800 troops, a military band and flags were seen at a ceremony in the barracks yard.

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2. Between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. on 21 September, the noise of numerous motor vehicle columns was heard in Jueterbog. At about 9 p.m. on 22 September, a column of 8 to 10 trucks, each occupied by 20 to 25 soldiers; and 1 field kitchen passed through Jueterbog, proceeding toward Neumarkt Tor (gate). They were followed by individual vehicles during 23 September. At about 9:30 p.m. on 23 September, a column of 3 to 10 trucks passed through Jueterbog. On 24 September, a commission arrived at the hospital and checked the German workers, who were questioned between 5 and 30 minutes. Another commission of 9 members including 2 lieutenant colonels and several majors, arrived at the hospital on 27 September, allegedly for a stay of several days. On 28 September, source determined that unusually many soldiers were hospitalized at that time. The new arrivals were accounted for by the exercise, which was under way in the Werder-Markendorf area. The Markendorf-Baruth road had been heavily damaged by tanks.

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3. Between 29 September and 3 October, 3 to 10 T-34 tanks almost daily left Neues Lager toward the woods.

4. On 30 September, source determined wooden miniature gun dummies at the engineer training site of the Fuchsberg Kaserne, in addition to the tank dummies previously observed there. Motor vehicles were seen leaving the installation.

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5. On 3 October, source determined that the installations and watchtowers which, in 1952, had been erected for firing practice in the area behind Altes Lager, were being reconditioned for a new inspection.

6. On 21 September, a column of 14 trucks, each occupied by 5 to 6 soldiers and towing a gun of about 80 mm, and [REDACTED] was seen on the railroad bridge in Luckenwalde, en route toward the Krummelsdorf firing range.

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25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The units of the 14th Gds Mecz Div stationed there appear to have returned to their quarters in late September. Another report by the same source indicated that they were absent for exercises prior to 19 September. See [REDACTED].

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] a major exercise of the 6th Gds Tank Div, which was held in late September. Other elements of the division, at the same time, engaged in exercises in the Gluecksburg Forest, coming from Wittenberg. See [REDACTED].

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25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. According to the same source, 35 Germans have been employed in the hospital since mid-September. See [REDACTED].

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25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. The tanks are rather safely believed to belong to the 50th Motor Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army carried in Neues Lager.

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25X1A 5. [REDACTED] Comment. The Fuchsberg Kaserne, among other units, is carried as occupied by the 145th Engr Bn (US) of the 14th Gds Mecz Div. [REDACTED]

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